



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-450-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al.)

Serial No.: 09/724,000)

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

Filed: November 28, 2000)

Group Art Unit: 1642

For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1)
Molecules and Uses Thereof)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 31, 2003

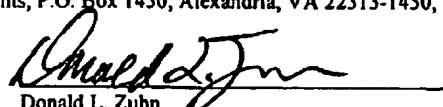
Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims: Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-4.

Remarks: Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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